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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner; which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, the International Search Report, the Written Opinion, and the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with counterpart International Application No. PCT/EP05/051283. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and German) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on October 6, 2006. In addition, a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (in English) is submitted herewith. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

(1) U.S. Patent No. 3,425,488 (JARREBY), issued February 4, 1969;

- (2) DE 38 19 391 A1, published January 5, 1989;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,955,268 (ICKINGER et al.), issued September 11, 1990;
  Applicants note that this document is a family member of DE 38 19 391 A1;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4,781,795 (MILLER), issued November 1, 1988;
- (5) DE 199 36 077 A1, published April 26, 2001, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 4,453,593 (BARTHEL et al.), issued June 12, 1984;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 2,932,091 (DAY), issued April 12, 1960;
- (8) EP 1 136 621 A2, published September 26, 2001;
- (9) U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0192673 A1 (SCHWEINICHEN), published March 14, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of EP 1136621; and
- (10) U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0029870 A1 (SCHWEINICHEN), published March 14, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of EP 1136621;
- (11) DE 102 60 509 A1, published July 1, 2004; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application beginning at page 1;
- (12) EP 0 559 628 B1, published February 26, 1993, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application beginning at page 1; and
- (13) U.S Patent No 5,383,288 (ILMARINEN), issued January 24, 1995; Applicant notes that this document is identified on esp@cenet as a U.S. family member of EP 0 559 628 B1.

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Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications), the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (in English), and the Written Opinion (in English), for International Application PCT/EP05/051283 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

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